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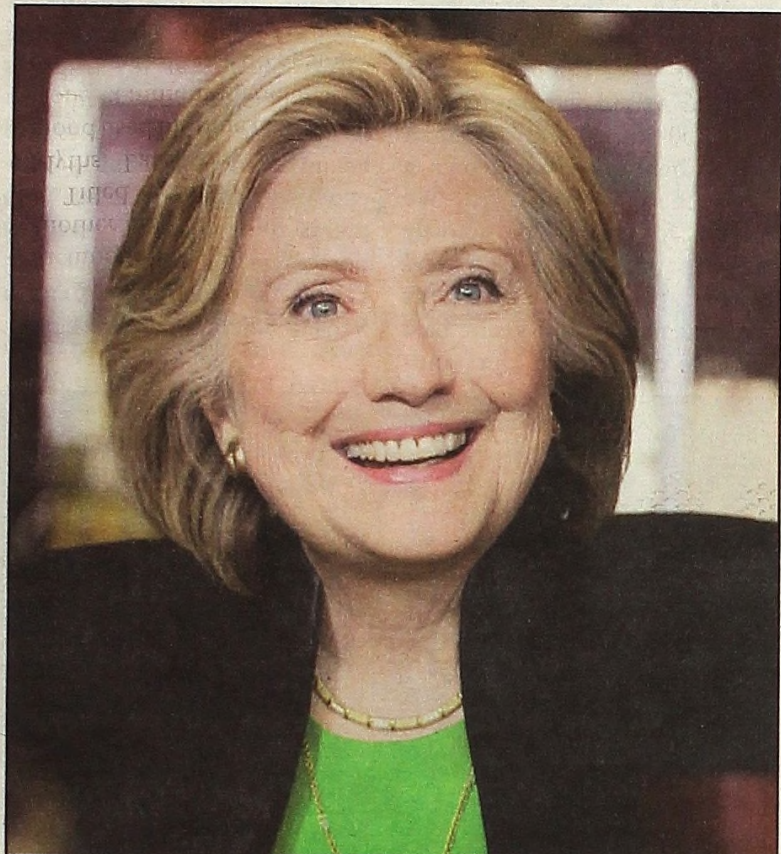
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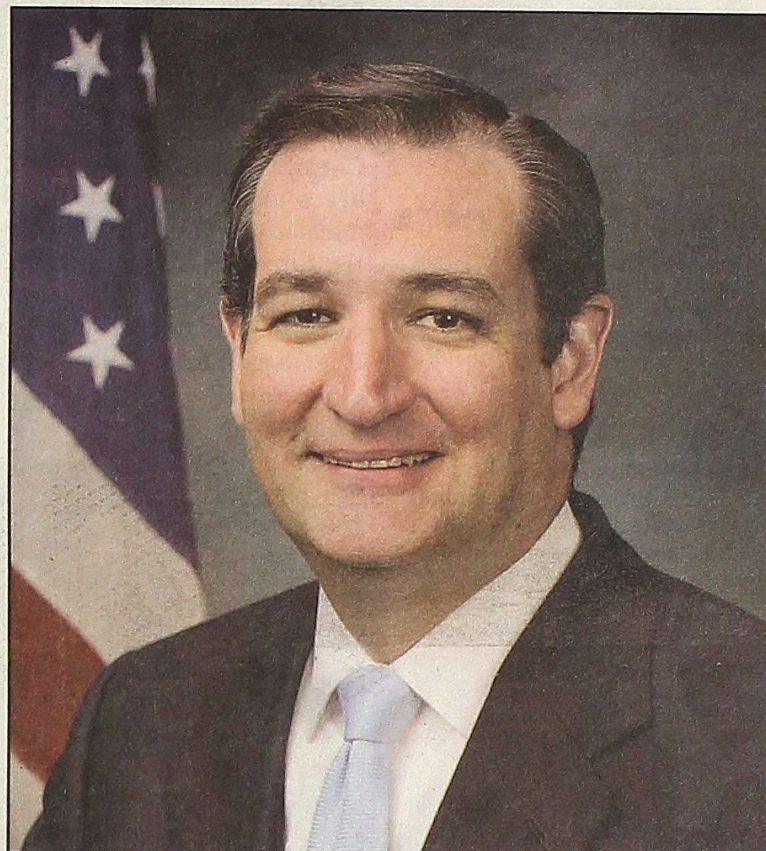
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Iowa Caucus Results: Clinton, Cruz Win

After a wild first night on the campaign trail, Hillary Clinton (D) and Ted Cruz (R) come out ahead of other candidates



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U.S. SENATE

CLOSE BATTLES FOR BOTH — There was a slim margin of victory for Cruz and even slimmer for Clinton. Cruz beat out Donald Trump by a mere 3.4 percent of the votes while Clinton defeated Bernie Sanders by a very slim 0.3 percent of the total votes.

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Multiple events highlight human trafficking

Speaker informs Hope College community on modern day slavery and its dangers

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John Cotton Richmond spoke to the Hope College community multiple times earlier this week to inform students about human trafficking. Richmond is a federal prosecutor who serves as the Special Litigation Counsel as a part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. After speaking at The Gathering on Sunday, and at Chapel earlier that morning, Richmond was ready to give yet another presentation.

Titled "Human Trafficking: Myths, Laws and Facts," Richmond used his time to inform the Hope community about human trafficking, along with debunking myths that are commonly associated with it.

Perhaps the most common myth that stands alongside human trafficking is plain and simple: slavery no longer exists. Slavery does exist in three main

categories. The first two are very similar: sex trafficking of minors and sex trafficking of adults by means of force, fraud or coercion. The third main category is that of forced laborers that are composed of both adults and minors. This category, surprisingly, makes up for most individuals who are victims of human trafficking.

Near the end of his speech, Richmond made sure to highlight a couple current trends of human trafficking. The rising popularity of social media and technology over the years has definitely made it easier for traffickers to contact potential victims. In addition, gang-directed trafficking is transitioning from selling drugs to selling people. Having interviewed gang leaders himself, Richmond explains that the transition is because you can only sell a drug once but you can sell a girl multiple times.

Richmond is a firm believer that our generation will do wonderful things in the fight to stop human trafficking. The focus of his message at The Gathering

was about fulfilling what you're called to do. Do you want to be a write? Write as much and as passionately as you can. Do you have a brilliant idea for a business? Start it. Do whatever you have to take your God-given talents and abilities to the highest level you can. Richmond argued that to do anything else would be selfish. We could live our lives without reaching our potential; that would be fine, but we wouldn't be using what God has given us.

At Chapel on Monday morning, he began by telling stories of his time working to bring justice to slaves. His message was about identity. He told about a girl he knew who, by the time she had gone through tragedy, had lost her identity. Her identity became who she was as a slave.

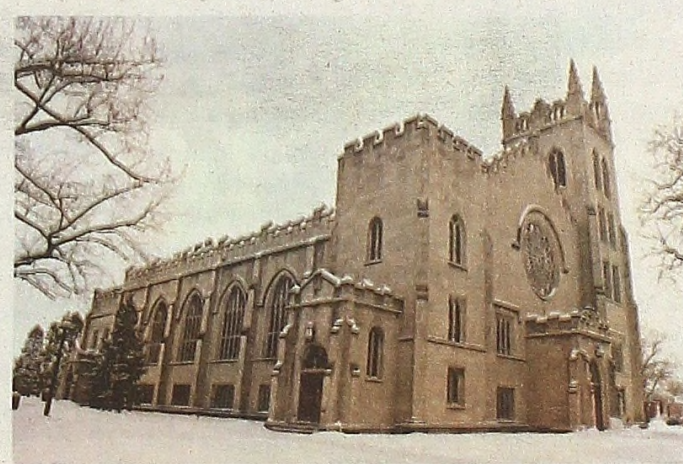
When she was rescued and brought back to her village, the names associated with her identity grew worse. Richmond then took away the names associated with her name and instead said she was "fearfully and wonderfully made."



John Cotton Richmond @JohnRichmond1 Jan 26

Can't wait to escape DC's blizzard to be with friends at Hope College on Sunday and Monday.

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JOHN COTTON RICHMOND

READY BEFORE HE GOT HERE — Twitter followers of John Cotton Richmond already knew of his excitement to present days before his two-day stint at Hope College.

His presence on campus helped to raise awareness to sex trafficking around the world, while still sending out the mes-

sage that, as God's creations, we are told to live out a plan that He has made specifically for us; we all matter.



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A rundown of how Hope's Track and Field Team is faring during its first official indoor season.

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Wednesday Feb. 3**Heart Health Awareness: Free Yoga Class**

Motor Board has organized a week for recognizing those who are suffering with heart disease and to bring awareness to it. Come join them in Dow 202 at 6 p.m. for a free yoga class.

Thursday Feb. 4**Internship Fair**

Students should bring plenty of resumes to the internship fair at the Maas Center. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. and all students are welcome.

Friday Feb. 5**SAC Dodgeball Tourney**

Prepare yourself for a fast-paced dodgeball tournament. Diving is recommended. The event begins at 8 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse.

Friday Feb. 5**Super Smash Bros.**

Play as Marth, Captain Falcon, Pikachu and over 20 other characters in a Super Smash Bros. tournament. The event begins at 8 p.m. in Schaap Science Center room 1118.

IN BRIEF

JOHN STRATTON

Dr. John Stratton will present "India and the Religion of the Heart" this Thursday in Graves Hall at 4 p.m. This lecture is a part of the Danforth Lecture Series, and this particular one will look at the transformation of India's religion from the twentieth century going forward. The Bhakti Movement will play a critical role in the presentation. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Aminatta Forna, a well-travelled Scottish native, will host a Q & A session as well as a reading this Thursday. She has published many award-winning novels, most notably, "The Hired Man," "The Memory of Love," and "Ancestor Stones." She also has an award-winning memoir, "The Devil that Danced on Water." She has previously been published in Granta, The Times, The Observer and Vogue. She currently is a columnist for The Guardian, and Lannan Visiting Chair for Georgetown University. She has judged many literary awards including the 2013 International Man Booker Prize. She also created the Rogbonko Project, which is building a school for children in Sierra Leone. The Q & A is at 3:30 p.m. in the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium. The reading will begin at 7 p.m. in the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts.

Students are encouraged to wear red this Friday to spread awareness for heart health.

Hope's Chemistry Club gets the right formula

One of Hope's academic groups keeps up the pace with an event-filled semester

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Hope College's Chemistry Club has certainly been busy this year, and they don't plan on stopping soon. After a semester of throwing pies at professors, helping out with Christmas donations and participating in Relay for Life, Hope's Chemistry Club is gearing up for a successful second semester. Chemistry Club, "Chem Club," has a multitude of events for members to attend this semester. Already, the club has gone to Michigan State University to participate in "Battle of the Chemistry Clubs." Chem Club

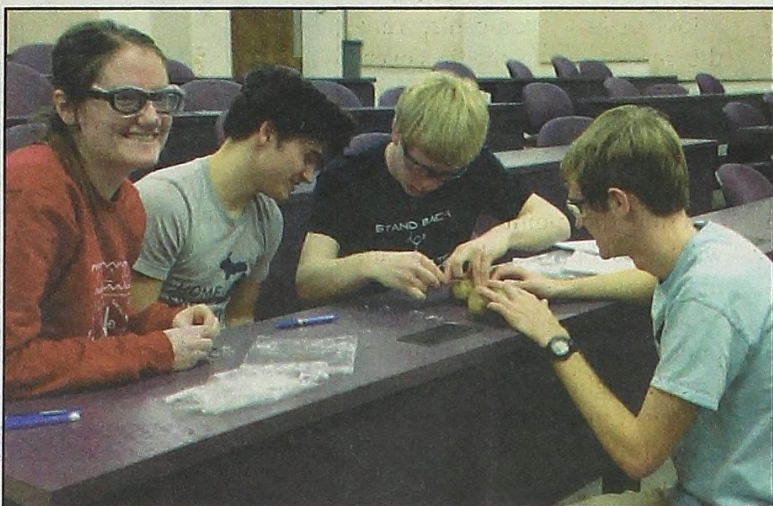
is in the process of interviewing professors for its Chem Club video, which is presented at the chemistry department banquet in April; however, its theme will remain a secret until then. The Chem Club also has its own intramural volleyball team that has had a lot of fun in the past seasons. Chem club plans to have even more events throughout the semester, such as demonstrations for the CASA and STEM programs, a tour of Michigan State's Bioeconomy Institute and favorites such as paintball and capture the flag against other departments around the school.

Today is the last day to sign up for the bioeconomy tour, so be sure to check the Google Document or email matthew.rolain@hope.edu.

The Chem Club is also taking a tour of the New Holland Brewery to look into the fermentation science that goes into New Holland's successful business. The Chem Club is a well advertised on campus with over 300 students on its email list. "Chem Club has grown a lot since my freshman year. We have a lot more kids actively participating in the club, and we've implemented new events over the past couple years. Last year we received an Outstand-

ing Award from the American Chemical Society, which is the best we've received since before 2012. I've had a great time participating in the club." Said Matt Rolain ('16).

Chem Club continues to be a popular group on Hope's campus. With the amount of events they put on there are plenty of options for students to get involved in. Chem Club is available to all students to be involved in including non-chemistry majors. Chem Club meets once a month and the next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 9, tentatively at 9 p.m. in Schaap Science Center 1135.



KIMBERLY DEGLOPPER



LISA SAVAGIAN

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD— From competing against other chemistry clubs to competing against themselves in paintball, Hope's Chemistry Club balances the application and just plain fun that a club should have.

PERSPECTIVES

CVD is something to be aware about

One of the world's most devastating diseases needs to be looked at by all ages

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Heart Health week is already here, and there are plenty of reasons to become more aware about it. Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killing disease in America, and it hasn't slowed down. Last year alone it killed roughly 610,000 Americans*, which is one in four deaths.

Cardiovascular disease also has a huge economic impact, as it costs the United States over one hundred billion dollars.

There are many factors that can lead up to heart disease including a sedentary lifestyle, poor diet choices and genetic predispositions to having a heart attack or other cardiovascular disease. While these factors impact the possibility of CVD, there are ways to prevent it, even if you have genetic predisposition to CVD.

Exercise, a well-rounded diet and regular doctor's visits are key to preventing heart disease. And there are simple ways to tackle these three keys without completely having to change your life. With exercise, there are so many different ways to exercise, be it running, swimming, dancing or weight lifting. If you don't

like one form of exercise there are plenty to choose from. And don't feel like you have to turn into macho-man overnight, just 20 minutes, three days a week to start is all you need to start improving your cardiovascular health.

With your diet there are fundamental ways to improve it without having to eliminate desserts. For example, if you drink pop during the day start by just eliminating one serving of it during the day and slowly work your way from there.

Head to your doctor's office at least twice a year for a physical, if not more. Businesses often will offer benefits for healthier employees as well as higher medical benefits. Physicals are becoming cheaper, and cheaper and with some insurances, they are little to no cost because they are deemed as "preventative" medicine. Exams, such as taking your blood pressure and looking at your blood lipid profile, are a few of the ways to tell if you are at risk for cardiovascular disease.

It just takes small steps to prevent heart disease, and this week we should all not only be aware of it but also know the steps to prevent it.

*Sources: CDC.org

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Clinton, Cruz edge out Sanders, Trump

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WORLD CO-EDITOR

Defying even last minute polling that showed Donald Trump with a slight lead Sen. Ted Cruz pulled out a remarkably decisive victory in Monday night's Iowa Caucus. Meanwhile, an all-night nail biter on the Democratic side saw Hillary Clinton eek out a slight by only 0.3 percentage points over her more left leaning rival Sen. Bernie Sanders.

A Tough Night for Trump

Cruz managed to a ride of wave of evangelical voters to victory proving that he has serious shot at winning the nomination. It remains unclear how much general support he will receive in other upcoming primary state where evangelicals are not as large of a demographic. Past Iowa caucus winners with strong evangelical support have not fared well over the rest of the primary season.

Perhaps the biggest winner of the night was Sen. Marco Rubio who actually came in third place on the Republican side with 23.1% of the vote, only about 1 percent below second place Donald Trump. Rubio, a more moderate candidate, greatly outperformed expectations proving that he could coalesce support

among more moderate Republicans.

Another strong finish for Rubio next Tuesday's in New Hampshire primary where Trump is favored by a wide margin could entice other more main stream candidates such as Chris Christie and Jeb Bush to drop out of the race.

The results of the Republican show is it quite possible that polls in other primary state showing Trump in the lead inflated by respondents who are not likely to come out to vote for the candidate. Nate Silver a statistician for the Five-Thirty-Eight also notes that very few undecided Republican voters chose to go for Trump at the last minute, an outcome that is reflective of the fact that 47 percent of Republicans very him unfavorably.

"It's almost unprecedented for a candidate to win a caucus or a primary when he has break-even favorability ratings within his own party," Silver said.

Clinton manages to hold on for a victory

The Iowa Democratic Party called the caucuses "historically close," with final tabulations released early Tuesday morning putting Mrs. Clinton's delegate count just out of reach for Mr.

Sanders.

The much closer finish for the two leading Democratic candidates shows that this year's primary season will not merely be a coronation of front runner Hillary Clinton.

The close victory shows that Clinton has a lot of work to do if they want to convince her party's members to whole heartedly back her in November. Overnight both candidates flew out to New Hampshire to begin a last minute dash of campaigning in a state where Sen. Sanders currently has a 19 point advantage in the polls.

Although polls still show Clinton in the lead nationally, a close finish this week and then a loss in New Hampshire runs the risk of tilting media coverage and further legitimizing an opponent who many thought leaned too far left to serve as a viable Clinton alternative.

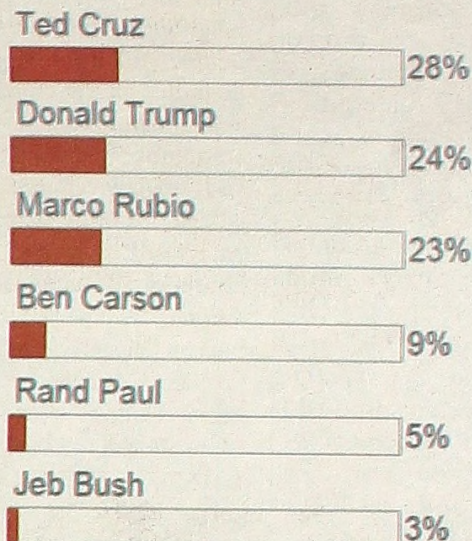
From this point on the race will be just between the two candidates as former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley's extremely poor finish saw him drop out before the night was done.

Iowa caucus results have historically not been very predictive of the eventual outcomes but at this point one thing is for certain: both parties are in for a very exciting nominating season.

Republican Results

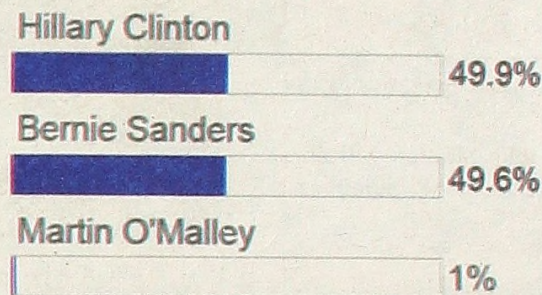
Despite Trump's slight lead in the poll Sen. Ted Cruz pulls off a close victory in the first nominating contest of 2016.

Top 5 Finishers:



Democratic Results

Sen. Bernie Sanders made it a close one but Clinton pulled out an early victory.



GRAPHIC BY ALEX BELICA

PERSPECTIVES

Don't exploit Flint water crisis

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The closer-than-expected race for the Democratic presidential nomination between presumed front runner Hillary Clinton and the upstart Sen. Bernie Sanders has led to a scramble to add more debates, beyond the six events originally scheduled by the Democratic National Committee.

Over the weekend, reports surfaced that the Clinton campaign is lobbying to add an early March debate in troubled Flint, Michigan. The city's 99,000 residents have been forced to use bottled water after the state admitted that a decision to not use corrosion control chemicals, after switching to water sources in 2014, has allowed old pipes to leach dangerous amounts of lead. John Podesta, a spokesman for the Clinton campaign, released a statement arguing for a Flint debate, "to keep the focus on Flint, and to lift up the historic underlying issues that Flint and too many other predominantly low-income communities of color across America are struggling with every day."

Unfortunately for the residents of Flint, it seems that the Democratic front runners are dead set on following Rahm Emanuel's famous Machiavellian observation that "one should never let a serious crisis

go to waste."

Instead of helping Flint, the type of media attention a nationally televised debate would bring will only exacerbate underlying problems.

Although the city switched water sources in October and began once again adding corrosive controlling chemicals, lead levels at many homes and business have not yet reached safe levels. It could be months before the water is safe to drink again.

Bringing more media attention to the area before the water issues have been totally resolved could help cement Flint's increasingly toxic reputation.

For years Flint has been a city in economic free fall. As the birthplace of General Motors, the city once had more than 80,000 people working for the automaker in the 1950s. Today only around 7,200 are still employed by GM.

In order to have any hope of recovering its image and attracting new investment, the city and the state must show substantial progress in addressing the water woes. From the current timeline, it seems unlikely the contamination will be completely addressed by the time the proposed debate would take place in early March. A fresh round of media coverage before the problem is solved is sure to cement Flint reputation as the "poisoned water city" in

the national psyche.

Good luck trying to convince a business to relocate there.

The most lasting physical aftermath of the water contamination is learning and behavioral issues for some of Flint's young children who have been exposed to high levels of lead. Properly addressing these issues will need both immediate and lasting financial support spanning over many state political administrations.

Both leading Democratic candidates have been quick to blame the Republican Governor Rick Snyder for the issues. Although his initial response to the contamination was lacking in breadth, Snyder cannot be blamed for blunders by career civil servants at the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality and certainly not by the EPA.

President Obama has wisely avoided stoking the political feeding frenzy and ignored calls to visit the city.

If the point of holding a debate in Flint is to label Republicans as heartless cost cutters it risks making Flint into a political football eroding the long term bipartisan support necessary to ensure those affected are given adequate resources to overcome their misfortune.

Whether intentionally or not, Sen. Clinton's proposed debate in Flint would be nothing more than an exploitation of other's misery for political gain.

GOP Debate Highlights

Learn more about the seventh debate

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The seventh GOP debate hosted by Fox News was the second highest rated program in the history of the network with 12.5 million viewers watching on the Jan. 28. These numbers were significantly lower than the 18 million that watched the CNN Republican debate in December.

Despite lacking the boisterous Donald Trump and his theatrics, the debate was an overall success for the Republican Party, albeit a bit more civil. In contrast to the Fox News debates, CNN and MSNBC hosted Trump's protest-event during the same time as the debate, raking in a paltry 2.8 million viewers between the hours of 9p.m. and 11p.m. Sen. Ted Cruz, a leading Trump contender seemed to be a crowd favorite during the evening.

Despite the lack of Trump, there was no lack of squabbling between the candidates. Indeed, variations of immigration platforms among the candidates were hotly contested debate topics during the evening. Sen. Marco Rubio claimed that Cruz's campaign was "a lie" due to dishonesty regarding position changes on the issues of immigration. Cruz fired back at Rubio pointing out that he too had supported differing visions of immigration reform

during his time in the Senate. Sen. Rand Paul also criticized Sen. Cruz, claiming he had an "authenticity problem."

Despite this small taste of some of the issues, the candidates performed more of what Americans would consider to be a "typical" debate. The political vernacular was known as "pivoting," wherein the politicians will take a dangerous and volatile question and maneuver themselves to give a safe response. Often, in the "pivoted" answers, the populace would claim that the politicians did not, in all actuality, answer the question that was asked.

Issues of agreement were, of course, revolving around the unanimous desire to destroy ISIS utterly and completely. Of course, the claims that Hillary Clinton could not be trusted surfaced several times. Senator Bernie Sanders, too, was brought up but not taken to the near seriousness as Hillary. Senator Rubio jestingly claimed that Sen. Sanders would be a great president "for Sweden."

Other participants in the debate included current governors Chris Christie and John Kasich, former governor Jeb Bush, and Dr. Ben Carson. As the race tightens, these candidates will need to either quickly improve their positions or drop out of the ever more competitive contest.

THIS WEEK IN NEWS

The World Health Organization has declared Zika Virus as a global emergency requiring the united response of the world to tackle the virus. With vaccines potentially months away, and the wounds of the Ebola outbreak still fresh, a hope of a united and rapid response is hopefully to be fostered.

A remote, Western region of Ethiopia may be home to some 200 lions previously unaccounted for. An expedition lead by the University of Oxford's Conservation Research Unit has spotted some 100 to 200 lions. An approximate 20,000 lions are left in the wild, and may halve within the next 20 years.

A peer-to-peer lending company Eubao used false business listings to embezzle some 50 billion Yuan (approximately \$7.6 billion). A senior manager within the company's east China Anhui Province branch said, "To my knowledge, 95 percent of investment projects on Eubao were fake."

Groundbreaking research from a UCLA team of scientists have found evidence that the modern formation of Earth and the Moon were caused by two smaller planets, an "embryonic" Earth and a Mars-sized protoplanet known as Theia, colliding head on. During the collision of cataclysmic proportions, the moon spilled out from the molten surface and thus the modern planet began to form.

In a slew of new warnings from North Korea, the unstable nation warned the United States that it was capable of attacking the mainland with its tested hydrogen bomb. Coming from Pyongyang, North Korea claimed that they had the potential to make an unlimited number of hydrogen bombs and attack the U.S.

Nestle finds that there are forced labour in its supply chains in Thailand, providing customers with products tainted with the blood and sweat of poor, unpaid and abused migrant workers. By Nestle heading the investigation, it is hoped that other large companies may take charge of investigating forced labor. The U.S. is pursuing charges against the multibillion-dollar corporation, nonetheless.

Boko Haram continues terror

Recent attacks carried out by the terrorist group in Nigeria slay dozens of families

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In Nigeria on Saturday, Jan. 30, the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram firebombed huts in Dalori village and two neighboring camps, killing 86 people and wounding 62 more, including many children. Three suicide bombers armed with automatic assault weapons and explosives attacked the village for almost four hours. Afterward, three female suicide bombers detonated their devices among escapees in another nearby village.

Dalori village and the two other camps provided shelter for about 25,000 refugees. Dalori is located approximately three miles from the large northeastern city of Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram as well as the military headquarters set to wipe out the aforementioned group.

Survivors of the attacks said that authorities took too long to arrive to effectively and efficiently repel the terrorists.

President Muhammadu Buhari and former President Goodluck Jonathan have poured millions of dollars into the fight against Boko Haram, but the Nigerian military is only a shell of what it is reputed to be. The military has to deal with

deserters as they fight against an enemy that is not only better equipped but more determined than themselves. Compared to Algeria and Angola, Nigeria has not significantly increased its military funding since the conception of Boko Haram. Neighboring countries are uncomfortable with the lack of dedication from Nigeria against Boko Haram, citing the need for a multifaceted and unified approach to completely end the reign of terror that the organization continuously perpetuates.

However, the Nigerian government does not appear to respect its military, nor does it supply them with proper equipment. One Nigerian soldier said, "The troop morale is actually very low, very low, because we are not issued a uniform, we buy the uniforms ourselves." The widow of another soldier commented on the lack of respect and communication among the military. "When my husband died, they never called me to tell me that I lost my husband. They buried him without notifying me."

If Nigeria hopes to defeat Boko Haram, they need to address governmental issues of corruption and greed.

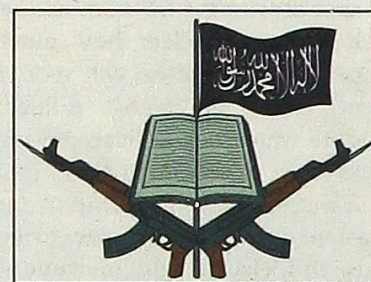
"Boko Haram" means

"Western education is forbidden," with the Hausa word boko referring to "fake," secular education of the West and the Arabic word harām meaning "forbidden." The group advocates for an even stricter form of Sharia law than the notorious Saud's within their Wahabi sect. Their primary objective is to establish an Islamic state in Nigeria, like ISIS had partially accomplished in Iraq and Syria. Infamously, in April 2014, Boko Haram kidnapped over 200 girls from a boarding school in Chibok, Nigeria, which spawned an unsuccessful campaign called Bring Back Our Girls.

After a history of violence stemming back to 2009, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, and Niger formed a military coalition against Boko Haram in the spring of 2015, successfully forcing them to withdraw further into their territory. However, the jihadist group opened fire on villages on Christmas Day of 2015, earning Boko Haram the title of being "most deadly terrorist group in the world," according to the Global Terrorism Index.

Boko Haram has not received the same attention as the attacks in Europe, likely because brutality is "expected" to occur in most parts of Africa. Weak or corrupt

governments and internal strife facilitate the poor governmental responses. In response to the Charlie Hebdo attacks, Ignatius Kaigama, a Nigerian Catholic Archbishop, said, "I see the very positive response of the French government tackling this issue of religious violence after the killing of their citizens. We need that spirit to be spread around, not just when it happens in Europe, [but] when it happens in Nigeria ... and many poor countries, that we mobilize our international resources to confront the people who bring such sadness to many families."



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SYMBOL OF BOKO HARAM — Quran, Rifles, and the Flag. Common names that they refer to themselves as include "Islamic State West Africa" and "Group of the People of Sunnah for Preaching and Jihad." The organization has ties to Al Qaeda and, potentially, ISIS.

Earth hurtles toward sixth mass extinction

Hundreds of species rapidly diminishing in population

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GUEST WRITER

Currently, the Earth is entering the sixth mass extinction in known history. Indeed, modern conveniences of human life are some of the primary causes for the destruction of dozens of species of life on this planet.

"Habitat loss and destruction, pollution and overfishing either kills off wild creatures and plants or leaves them badly weakened," said marine biologist Derek Tittensor. "The trouble is that in coming decades, the additional threat of worsening climate change will become more and more pronounced and could then kill off these survivors."

Dozens of species went extinct in 2015 alone, including the beautiful eastern cougar. 905 species are recorded to have gone extinct in modern history. The number extinct was 784 in 2006. The rapid rise of extinction in the past nine years suggests that it is occurring at an incomparable pace compared to extinction rates in past millennia.

The Western Black Rhino is the latest species to be declared officially extinct. Officially listed as critically endangered prior to this new declaration, the last western black rhino was seen in 2006. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) announced that other species of Rhino might be

endangered too.

Beginning in the 20th century, there were millions of Western Black Rhinos occupying the world. Farmers, however, saw large animals like rhinos as a threat to their crops, so the hunters and farmers started killing these animals. This slaughter caused a decline in the population of rhinos overall.

The rhino horn trade has taken a toll on rhino extinction. The large animals have been hunted for their horns at an extraordinary rate.

The age we are in is called the "sixth mass extinction." This means massive amounts of animal and plant species are vanishing.

We are causing species destruction at a rate 53 times greater than normal. This current rate of species destruction is likely to increase only in the coming decades.

Despite these alarming numbers of species loss, much of the public remains completely unaware of this threat to much of the world's biodiversity. Indeed, half of the species on Earth may be destroyed by the end of the century.

With every species that has gone extinct, and is going extinct, the ecosystem's fragile webbing becomes further undone. Every animal serves a purpose in the cycle, from the smallest insects to the largest

elephants.

At this rate, it is very likely that our grandkids will grow up in a world without elephants.

Though bleak, every single human can make a difference in this situation. Though we can't stop the destruction of trees by large companies alone, or we can't say no to huge factories dumping toxic waste where they shouldn't, we can take precautions to learn what causes climate change and try to raise awareness. A shift to greener energies and renewable sources

of energy can assist in reducing habitat destruction from logging and climate change.

It's easy to overlook a world that is under so many threats, from global warming to economic collapse to terror attacks by ISIS. The rapid loss of wildlife and biodiversity cannot be ignored. It's impossible for one person to stop it, but change starts with us. The act of eating less meat contributes heavily to reduced carbon emissions. Recycling paper lessens the impact of deforestation.



GUN DEBATE RAGES IN US POLITICS — As a tool that has the potential to end life with the flick of a trigger, guns must be dealt with responsibly.

The Oh Hellos take the stage for folk-inspired show

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The Hope College Concert Series welcomed The Oh Hellos to the Dimnent stage on Thursday, Jan. 28 for a lively show of dancing and folk-inspired tunes.

The show began with opener Liza Anne whose music was an emotional blend of melancholy guitar riffs and a gorgeous range of vocal intonation. Throughout her set, she thanked the audience for their attention and later tweeted, "holland michigan you are the home of the best audience in the whole entire world."

The Oh Hellos, in stark contrast to Liza Anne's single vocals and electric guitar, came on stage, exhibiting four-part harmonies and a large band made up of two drummers, two electric guitarists, a bassist, violinist, acoustic guitarist, banjo and mandolin player and an occasional song featuring the accordion.

Advertised as a group with a similar sound to Mumford & Sons, The Oh Hellos has a sound and style completely

unique to themselves. A mix between indie, folk and rock, they're authentic and completely engrossed in music-making while on stage, shown through their passionate and lively dancing and use of the stage's space.

The Oh Hellos, a group of musicians headed up by siblings Tyler and Maggie Heath, is from southern Texas and began their career in 2011.

The Oh Hellos newest album "Dear Wormwood," released in 2015, was heavily inspired by C. S. Lewis's book "The Screwtape Letters." Though this is their most recent album, their set included songs from their earlier albums "Through the Deep, Dark Valley" (2012) and "The Oh Hellos EP" (2011).

Hope students had the opportunity for a talk-back with The Oh Hellos after their performance, tweeting in questions for them and hearing their responses. One student asked what the group has experienced as the greatest challenge of the music industry as well as their biggest hope for the industry in the future.

Maggie said that she sees the

greatest challenge to be the way that the popular music industry has become so focused on mass producing music rather than taking the time to put out a quality product.

Tyler said that hope for the industry lies in the ability for people to create and produce music entirely on their own, something that, he said, you couldn't do 10 years ago.

The duo was also asked what it is like to tour with each other and work together as siblings.

"We're stuck together," Maggie said.

Both agreed that this helps them to overcome conflict more easily because even if they quit making music together, they will still have to be together as siblings.

The overall response to The Oh Hellos playing at Hope has been a positive one from the student body.

The next group to headline as part of the Concert Series is Phox on Feb. 19 with All Sons & Daughters to follow on March 4 and San Fermin to close out the spring semester on April 9.



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SIBLING GROUP ROCKS HOPE — Reminiscent of Mumford & Sons, The Oh Hellos perform in Dimnent Chapel.

Slam poet Lady Caress expresses creativity at Coffeehouse performance

Hannah Winegar

STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Jan. 28, the Student Activities Committee decided to do something a little different for its weekly coffeehouse by playing host to a slam poet, Caress Russell, who is better known by her stage name: Lady Caress.

For over 10 years, Lady Caress has been spreading positive messages through communication and poetry. While she has been writing poetry for most of her life, she did not start performing until she participated in high school speech and debate events. Her dynamic performing style mixes spoken word, beatboxing and singing, as well as comedy and theatrics.

The Kletz had a relaxed atmosphere to it, especially once Lady Caress opened her show by making jokes about her own stage name. She compared herself to the Caress soap brand and pick up lines that have been used on her after shows.

This simple way to get the attention of the audience doubled as a little anecdote to tie in with her first poem about the objectification of people.

Next was a collection of three poems about her childhood. Lady Caress opened this set with another short story about how she attended 13 different schools during her younger years. She explained that the only way she

got through those year was by talking with her mother.

These poems followed themes of people noticing those who are the outliers, such as the class stud or the class dud, and not the ones in the middle, the ones often forgotten.

After this, the show took on a more serious vibe. Lady Caress is not afraid to tackle big topics with her poems. Her next poem, titled "Oh, Mama," was told from the perspective of a child whose father is abusive to her mother.

The poem evoked emotions throughout the room and was definitely one of the most powerful poems of the night. She talked about the emotions the child might go through witnessing everything around her and realizing that this is her father beating her mother, which spoke volumes.

Following "Oh, Mama," Lady Caress had a Christian poem praising God, titled "God is a Poet," in which she talked about why she does what she does, and that it is to give glory to God.

She said that if she has three minutes to impact your life, with the first minute spent beat boxing to grab attention, the second bringing up religion and the third explaining how she can use her work as an effective way to preach, then she feels as if she should do something positive with those three minutes.

Before she even started her set, Lady Caress took out a



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LADY CARESS — Slam poet performs at Hope and shares love of God through her positive words and beat.

notebook and pen. She told the audience that they were going to write one of the poems she would perform. Everyone would write one line and pass it on. She asked for a theme that captured Hope College, to which there was an enthusiastic response of "squirrels!"

Needless to say, audience members got quite creative and it was the perfect way to cap off the set.

For more information on Lady Caress, you can visit her website at ladycaress.com, find her on Facebook under Lady Caress or follow her on Twitter and Instagram under _ladycaress.

Andrew Le and Huw Lewis to present faculty recital

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A joint faculty recital will be performed at Hope College on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts in the concert hall. The recital will be presented by pianist Andrew (Drew) Le and organist Huw Lewis.

Le and Lewis are both well known in Holland due to solo performances, multiple outreach events and through their work with the Holland Symphony Orchestra. Their first joint concert will be called "The Huw and Drew Show." The concert is intended to highlight the piano and organ sound in the new concert hall, which will open the weekend before they perform.

Le has been praised by the New York Concert Review as "an impressive tour-de-force" with "a plenitude of poetic nuance." Le has been teaching at Hope since 2005 and is currently serving as the associate professor of piano. He is also one of the artistic directors of the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck, along with his wife Jennifer Walvoord, a violinist.

Additionally, Le is the founder and director of Holland's Brown Bag Concerts, which is a series designed to encourage and foster the ac-

cessibility of classical music to the general public. He has also performed recitals with food drives, the most recent bringing in nearly 600 non-perishable items that were donated to the Holland Rescue Mission.

Lewis, a Welsh-born organist, has taught at Hope since 1990 and performs nationally and internationally on a regular basis. Previously, Lewis was a featured recitalist at the 1987 International Congress of Organists. His playing has been broadcasted in America and in Great Britain, where he created numerous recordings for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC). Lewis has also served on many competition juries, including the 2003 Dallas International Organ Competition most recently. While a student, Lewis received numerous prestigious scholarships, fellowships and prizes. He studied at the Royal College of Music in London at Cambridge University, as well as at the University of Michigan.

Tickets are free for Hope students, \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for children 18 and under.

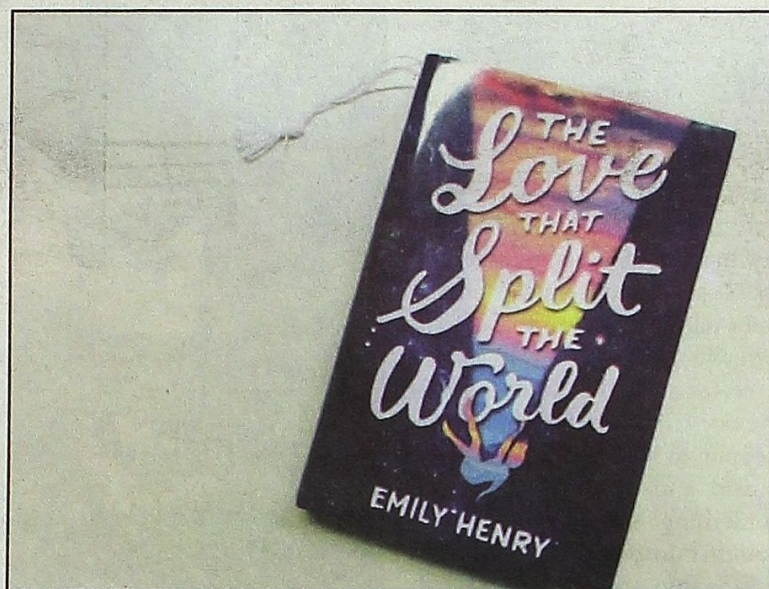
Tickets can be purchased online or at the ticket office in the Events and Conferences Office located in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center.

Student review: 'The Love That Split the World'

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If you're a part of Hope College's English Department, chances are you've heard that a recent Hope alum is gaining literary success. At age 24 Emily Henry ('12) has achieved what Hope's creative writing majors want so badly to achieve: to publish a book. I am one of those dream-stricken creative writing majors, so as soon as Henry's "The Love That Split the World" came out last week I immediately began reading. Now, after two days of having my head stuck in her young adult novel, I'm happy to report that Henry has done Hope proud, writing a completely creative and original story that kept me intrigued all the way through.

"The Love That Split the World" focuses on a young girl named Natalie. On her last day of high school, she comes in contact with an apparition called "Grandmother." Grandmother gives Natalie the task of saving "him" in three months. Natalie then embarks on a journey to figure out who "him" is and how she must save his life. Along the way she meets Beau,



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FEELING THE LOVE — Emily Henry ('12) debuted her first novel this past week, thanking Hope faculty in the acknowledgements.

a mysterious football player who may have the answers to her questions.

If you think this story sounds odd, you're not alone. I had the same reaction at first. I had read a few non-spoiler reviews before reading the novel, and many described it as a mixture of "The Time Traveler's Wife" and "Friday Night Lights." I immediately wondered how time travel and football would work together, but somehow Henry finds a way

to mesh the two. It's not cheesy, and it doesn't feel forced. Henry puts the two together to create one of the most original stories I've read in a long time.

One of the ways that Henry manages to pull this off is that her characters are rooted in very real situations. The protagonist Natalie is half Native American and was adopted by a white family at a young age. Although her family is very loving and supportive, she can't help but

struggle with identity. Much of the novel revolves around her asking the question, "Who am I?" a question that many of us ask ourselves. Natalie looks at a variety of different places for the answer: her dance team, her ex-boyfriend, her siblings and also her Native American heritage.

Native American history also plays a huge role in this story, as many times the apparition Grandmother tells Natalie stories from different tribes. Again, it sounds odd, but Henry makes it work, and it's also a great way for readers to learn about a different culture.

Henry uses beautiful language throughout her novel as well. Her images are strong, and this caused me to read sentences over and over again because of just how captivating they are. Some of the most gripping imagery comes from her descriptions of the Kentucky landscape. These were written so well that for a while after finishing the novel, I had this weird urge to drive to Kentucky.

The only problem I had with "The Love That Split the World" is that sometimes the time travel is hard to follow. Yes, it made for a very interesting story, but the explanations of it made my

brain hurt a little bit, especially at the end. Henry gets into scientific topics such as Eye Movement Desensitization Therapy (EMDR) and hypnosis. At one point, the characters are even talking about the amygdala and the hippocampus.

For a non-psychology major like me, these scenes could get a little messy, but when it comes to the ending of the novel, I still understood what goes on. If anything, the time travel explanations show that Henry definitely stuffed her brain with knowledge while at Hope.

Now, I know those seem like a lot of unrelated topics to throw into a novel: time travel, football, Native American folklore, EMDR, hypnosis and even the amygdala. Just writing all of these down makes me think, "Wait, what?"

However, bringing these topics together and putting them with likable, fun characters pays off. Henry's "The Love That Split the World" is an original, captivating must-read. I highly suggest you pick it up, and I also suggest that you look at this academic institution and what it has to offer. Hope helps students achieve their goals. "The Love That Split the World" is proof.

'Kung Fu Panda' bear-els into theaters

Elijah Yang
GUEST WRITER

You would think that by the time a franchise reaches its third installment, creativity would start to wear down. I'm surprised how well "Kung Fu Panda 3" managed to break that

rule due to its overachieving visual splendor, exquisite voice cast, impressive story writing and being a darn good colorful film.

Once again, Jack Black shines as Po, the Dragon Warrior who faces an unexpected moment:

meeting his real dad, Li, voiced by Bryan Cranston. This brings up quite a conflict between him and Po's adopted father, Mr. Ping (James Hong). Therefore, much of the comedy is thrown into the two fathers' fight for their son.

Unfortunately, they must set that aside when the evil Kai (J. K. Simmons) returns to the mortal world. The only way to stop him is for Po to teach a group of fun-loving pandas to become Kung Fu Pandas themselves. It may seem like a lot,

but it works. Jonathan Aibel and Glenn Berger, the writers for the previous two films, whip out this narrative with witty fun and clear charm that will captivate kids and adults alike.

There's also the whole motif about trying to "be yourself." It's cliché, but if it has to do with a kung fu panda, then it hasn't been wasted in this film. Props to the writers and to Jennifer Yuh Nelson, who directed number two and co-directed this one.

Of course, if one wants to be a little critical of the film, one could say that it felt a little boastful with its visuals. As much as I enjoyed the martial-arts-driven action sequences, there were some bits so colorful that it could blind you. But hey, almost all animation films have that excessive hubris for their visuals, so there was no surprise there.

So how strong is this film compared to its predecessors? I think it's great how well each film has built up to a more interesting story. However, I don't know whether I found this film to be the best of the three, but that doesn't make this my least favorite. The point is, I enjoyed the film.

Again, there is the big question that Po is always asking: "Who am I?" The best part about this film is that it actually provides a clear answer. Obviously, I won't tell you what it is, but I can tell you that it has something to do with pandas. You can take the hint.

Call for Papers! Bill and Maura Reynolds Arts & Humanities Colloquium

Have you written a substantial paper in the field of Theatre, History, Art, Music, Philosophy, English, Languages, Religion or Dance that you would like to share with the Hope community? Submit it for consideration to the Bill and Maura Reynolds Arts and Humanities Colloquium which will take place from 3:30-5:30PM. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Martha Miller Center.

Meet the student presenters! Refreshments will be served 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the 1st floor rotunda. From 4:00-5:30PM, there will be 20 minute student presentations with five minute Q & A thereafter in the Martha Miller 2nd floor classrooms 237, 238, and 239.

This event offers students from Arts and Humanities courses an opportunity to present their work to an audience of faculty and of their peers. The Colloquium is a semi-formal occasion resembling as much as possible a professional academic conference.

Papers may be submitted from any Arts and Humanities course taught in the spring or fall semesters (or summer research) of 2015. Any type of paper is potentially eligible, but preference will be given to projects involving substantial research.

Please submit one copy of your paper to the Arts and Humanities Dean's Office, #124 Lubbers Hall, by Monday, February 8, 2016.

Your name should appear on a title page but not elsewhere in the paper. Also include the course and professor for whom the paper was prepared.



Events until Dance Marathon!



ORANGE LEAF HOLLAND

This fund raiser is styled after March Madness, and the team that wins gets an extra \$500 donated to them by Orange Leaf. For more information, visit Orange Leaf Holland's Facebook page!

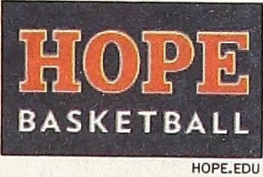
Now through March 11: Orange Leaf Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 6: silent auction at JP's Coffee and Espresso Bar

The event runs from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bid on items ranging from Grand Rapids Griffins tickets to make-up baskets and more!

Saturday, Feb. 13: Dance Marathon Awareness Night

Men's basketball game, starting at 7:30 p.m. Come hear from miracle families during halftime!



Register for Dance Marathon before March 5 and the registration fee is only \$25!

*Price increases to \$50 on March 5

March 7 through 11: Blitz Week

General fundraisers through local businesses, including Buffalo Wild Wings and a Pasta Dinner put on by the Dream Team on Thursday, March 10. More information can be found closer to the week of the Marathon at hopeforthekids.com

Instagram: hopecollegedm

Visit hopeforthekids.com for more information on how to get involved with the Marathon.



Like Hope College Dance Marathon on Facebook to keep up on all the new events!

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Dance Marathon March 11-12



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I am lucky

Bonnie Gregory

I am lucky.
I am lucky because I do not live in a culture that practices genital mutilation;
Because my gender does not stop me from getting an education;
Because I can own property;
Because I don't need my fathers or husbands permission to do things;
Because I have the right to vote;
Because I am allowed to practice the freedom of speech;
Because my rape was not a justifiable war tactic;
Because I won't go to jail and/or be executed for being gay.

I am lucky.
Some women are not so lucky, and some women are more lucky than I.

That is why the "Vagina Monologues" is so important to me. It is a chance to share women's stories; women who may not have the and women that do.

We are all unique in our journey's, but one thing that unites us and brings us together is our vaginas, and that is not a bad thing and it is not inappropriate.

Eve Ensler first performed the "Vagina Monologues" in 1996 and since then it has been performed all over the world in professional theatres, on college campuses, and wherever people have felt the need to tell these stories.

This production has been performed by Hope College students for the past ten years and this is the first year that we have been allowed to perform it on campus. According to administration "The language and content of the 'Monologues' are not consistent with our Christian mission." They do not believe that it is an appropriate method for discussing sexuality and gender.

While GRACES, a discussion group that focuses on human sexuality, which will occasionally include homosexuality and other sexualities not limited to heterosexuality, is seen as an appropriate method of discussion. However, it contradicts Hope College's human sexuality statement that says "This biblical witness calls us to a life of chastity among the unmarried and the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman" and "Hope College will not recognize or support campus groups whose aim by statement, practice, or intimation is to promote a vision of human sexuality that is contrary to this understanding of biblical teaching."

This should mean that a group like GRACES should not be allowed on this campus, and yet it is. This is not me saying that I agree with the human sexuality statement, it's ridiculous that we even have a sexuality statement, this is me saying that it is hypocritical of Hope College to allow one group and not allow another.

The "Vagina Monologues" does have some LGBTQ+ stories in it but it not what it is all about. It is about sharing the stories and experiences that people with vaginas have. It is a story telling, which, if I am not mistaken, is also what Take Back the Mic is also about. This past semester Take Back the Mic's theme for the night was LGBTQ+.

If this event took place, why can't the "Vagina Monologues"? If we can hear stories about identifying LGBTQ+ people within our community, then why can't we also hear about other peoples stories as well? It is 2016 and I think that the time to dialogue about whether or not this is appropriate for our college campus is over. Now is the time to host this event on our campus and be unapologetic about it.

Because after all, "Hope College affirms the dignity of every person as a creature made in the image of God and thus worthy of our earnest respect, our insistent protection, and our self-sacrificing love."

Take Back The Mic

Poems, prose and essays explore struggles
faced by LGBTQ+ students

Bisexual

Anonymous

i. maybe it's 2016 and gay marriage is legal in all fifty states: but when someone asks my sexuality, my tongue still sticks to the roof of my mouth for a moment.

ii. my best friend in the front seat asks over her shoulder, "if you're 80 percent gay, does that mean you only love him with 20 percent of your heart?"

iii. the first time i kissed her, the boys around us made it about them, about their howls. i stopped breathing on the cusp of her lips. i was made holy by her.

iv. in church, we bow our heads. how can i move my mouth in a prayer for forgiveness when i fully intend to sin again. i say, "forgive me father" anyway, just in case it sticks.

v. my father does not forgive. i say, "she's my other half," absently. his face turns white, then red. "not in my house," he says.

vi. the first time i come out in public, it's to a boy smoking camel cigarettes. he spits and laughs. "bisexuals aren't really part of this discussion, sweetie." my girlfriend holds my hand and i don't throw up. i don't yell. i learn my place quickly: gay rights do not belong to me.

vii. they are ace. the two of us make jokes back and forth about the cloak of invisibility we must be harnessing. when they are too drunk, i walk them home. when i have fallen yet again for the wrong girl, they hold my hand while i tremble. we do not go to the pride parade, where we do not belong, where i will be a breeder and they will not even be acknowledged.

viii. "but are you really gay? so do you love him? so do you love him?"

ix. it is fine and we just won't tell her parents. it is fine and my grandmother can't ever know it. the world is different now, i hear. in frat houses, i am the picture of their wet dreams. on tv, i'm just a picture, the girl who is "just experimenting." in "my" community, i am only allowed in by the skin of my teeth.

x. it is 2016. he asks me if i'm "like that" and i feel my whole body exploding.

Quote of the Week:

The sun it does not cause us to grow.
It is the rain that will strengthen your soul.
It will make you whole.

~ The Oh Hellos ~

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Sporty Spice: A soccer star to look up to



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As I'm writing my article for the sports section ("Notable transfer window signings"), I am reminded yet again of the sad news I heard late last week: former captain of Manchester United, Nemanja Vidic, retired from the game after his contract with Inter Milan ran out. I don't advertise it much, but Vidic is easily my favorite player of all time. He's certainly my favorite to ever wear the United shirt.

Now before any of you non-sports fans flip the page, I want to ask you to keep reading. There is something about Nemanja Vidic to impact all of our lives; Man United fan or not. It was how he played the game that made him great. It was who he was that made him one of the Premier League's best defenders of all time.

If there was ever a player who deserved to captain Manchester United, it was him. Signed in January of 2006, Vidic fought his

way to a Champions League victory in 2008 and five Premier League championships. In the eight years he spent at United, he was the dominant force. Forget the goalscorers; Vidic was the reason they won games.

There are so many reasons to look up to Vidic, but perhaps the main reason was his loyalty. One of my favorite stories about the Serb was told by former Man United manager Sir Alex "Fergie" Ferguson in autobiography:

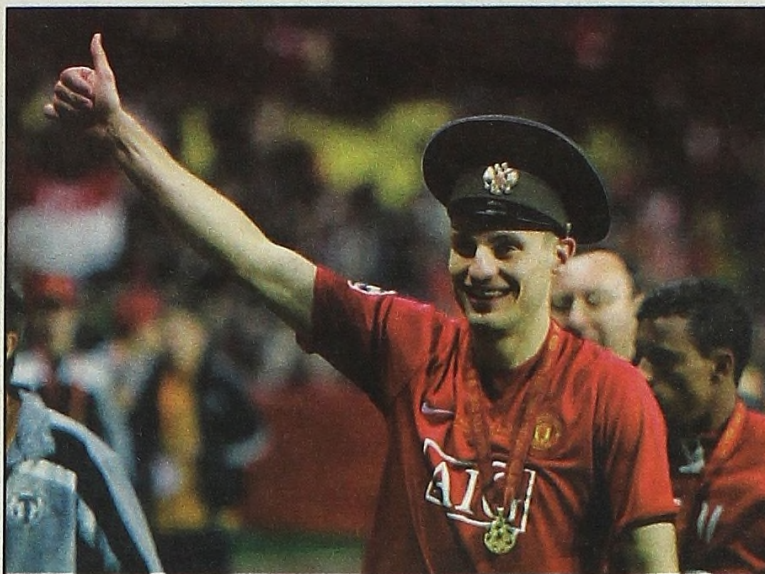
"Vidic was a dour, uncompromising sod. He was a proud Serb. In 2009, he came to see me to say he might be getting called up ... 'What do you mean, called up?' I said, alarmed.

'Kosovo. I am going,' he said. 'It's my duty.'

He wanted to go to Kosovo. He had the eyes for it."

Even though Vidic had his life all set around being a world-class professional soccer player, he still had that sense of loyalty to his country. He never did get called up and never fought in a war, but if he ever did, I'd feel terrified to anyone who was coming up against him.

Vidic was never someone to mess around with. As so many have said, he puts his head places people wouldn't even put their feet. He would rather break his nose than concede a goal. His strength and fearlessness won the games, week in



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A NIGHT IN MOSCOW — A strong defensive performance by Nemanja Vidic against Chelsea in 2008 lead Manchester United to their third Champions League trophy.

and week out. He was a devoted player and person. Anything he was a part of, he'd fight for. He is a passionate person, no matter how quiet he may seem to those of us who are unfortunate enough not to know him.

That's the kind of person I want to be.

Fergie retired as manager at the end of the 2013 season and was replaced by David Moyes. Moyes was sacked before his first season was even over, having taken United from their spot at the top of the league to seventh place. Even with his short stint, Moyes was able to make some major changes in the line-

up, including letting Vidic go.

Some will say that Vidic chose to leave United, that he wanted to try something new. I'm not buying it. What probably happened was that after hearing so much frustration from his teammates and having some himself, he did his captain duty and confronted Moyes. With this and Wayne Rooney's pleas to take the captaincy from the Serb, Moyes became angry and resentful and forced a move for the captain. That's the only logical explanation. Because if there's one thing we know about Vidic, he would never leave his team. This is one captain who'd

go down with his ship.

That said, he spent his last two seasons playing for Inter Milan. After some injuries that had started to finally wear him down, along with his expired contract, he decided to call it quits. The incredibly amazing thing is, though, that he didn't make a flashy statement. He didn't send out a press release or hold a press conference. He could have, but he didn't. He wrote to Manchester United and told them before anyone else and allowed them to break the news to the world.

That's what I love about Nemanja Vidic. You might not guess it from his warrior demeanor, but he is a classy, stand-up guy. He was one of the most genuine footballers in the world, never faking and never standing down. Nothing and no one could stop him.

And isn't that the kind of person we all should strive to be? I'm certainly not telling you to worship the guy or put him on a pedestal, but it's worth noting how notable he is. With so many bad influences in popular culture, it's nice to see someone you can actually admire and look up to.

Passionate, fearless, driven, relentless, dedicated, loyal – the makings of a great athlete and a great human being.

Habitually Hope: Seeking Community



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I have heard a variety of responses to students who are taking or have taken Senior Seminar. Some students really enjoy the opportunity to reflect on their time at Hope College, while others resent it. Personally, I see the class as an opportunity to breathe and think about how my life has changed over the past four years.

Alright, that makes me sound like a teacher's pet. Let's be real. I am taking Senior Sem because, like everyone else, it is a requirement. But, if I am going to be forced to take a class, I figure I might as well embrace it and try to make the most out of the experience (a.k.a. make it worth the \$2,780 I'm paying for it).

I chose to take "Your Life's Playlist" taught by Dr. Andrew Le in the music department. So far, it has been a good class. When we started, he informed us that each class would feature an hour-long presentation from

LET US HOLD UNSWERVINGLY TO THE HOPE WE PROFESS, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL. AND LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS, NOT GIVING UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER—AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.

~HEBREWS 10:23-25

a different student in the class, using music to tell their life story.

It seemed pretty simple.

However, five presentations later, and I have already experienced more than I expected. After the first presentation, we dove into a deep discussion on who God is, what it means to follow God and judgement. That's pretty heavy stuff.

If you have read my column before, you know that I frequently discuss how my faith in God influences everyday aspects of my life. However, I can confidently say that a year ago, I would have never been so willing to put my beliefs in the public eye.

My Christian walk at Hope has been an interesting one, but I'm guessing it's not all that different from many other students' experiences. Last week, I wrote a reflection on my FYS paper about a liberal arts education and my expectations for my time on campus. Reading

it forced me to think about how my faith has been challenged and grown while being here.

Coming to Hope, I was unfamiliar with the Reformed tradition, but I was excited to learn. I read all about the "vibrant" faith community at Hope and expected to dive right in and find my fit. But that didn't really happen. I was being exposed to so many different interpretations of Christianity that challenged what I believed. I also got extremely caught up in small differences between my beliefs and other ideologies, and it became increasingly more difficult for me to reconcile the differences.

Thankfully, I continued to seek out Truth and engaged in discussions with other Christians and non-Christians, leading to a solidification of what I believe. I definitely faced times of spiritual drought. It took me two years to find a church that I felt comfortable in. I stopped prioritizing Chapel and The Gathering. Not to say that you

need to go to Chapel and The Gathering to be a Christian, but I do firmly believe that as Christians we have been created for community, and the Bible points us to the importance of being a part of a church. Not being a part of an intentional Christian community really hindered my ability to grow as a follower of Jesus, but I can be thankful that through that journey I learned the importance of being part of a church body.

Hope is a unique place. It's a Christian college that does not demand students to participate in the Christian community on campus. There are not too many Christian colleges that let students choose whether or not to attend chapel services. This leaves the door wide open for Hope students to choose how they spend their time here and whether or not they want to engage with Campus Ministries. I have seen this option operate as a blessing in students' lives, and I've also seen it leave students

lost without an understanding of God's love and the Gospel.

Whether this is your first semester, your last or somewhere in between, I encourage all students, regardless of faith or religious background, to look into what the Christian community that Hope so heavily advertises is all about. It will probably challenge your beliefs, and I doubt it will be easy. But what better place and time to do it than here and now?

Looking ahead to graduation, I know that I will not leave this place with all of my questions answered. My faith journey will never stop growing, will be continuously challenged and will always force me to think about things differently. But I can confidently say that all of the challenges I've faced in my faith during the last four years have been completely worth it. It wasn't always happy. It definitely wasn't always easy.

But ultimately, it was good.

Notable transfer window signings

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We are now a month into 2016, and with that, another January transfer window has passed by. Didn't realize it happened? You're not alone. With very little noteworthy signings, it was easy to push the snooze button throughout the month of January and rest up for the second half of the season.

It makes sense, though. The total amount spent by Premier League clubs during the January and summer transfer windows in 2015 topped a record £1 billion. Clubs are low on funds, meaning a lackluster first month of the year.

Even so, there are a few stories to tell and some numbers to discuss. Here are some of the biggest signings to come out of January:

Benik Afobe – Wolverhampton Wanderers to Bournemouth £12m

Afobe started his playing days at Arsenal when he was 18 years old, but injuries and loan spells halted him from ever really playing in the Premier League. Now 22, Afobe had spent one year with the Wolves of Wolverhampton and has now become the largest signing in Bournemouth history.

Remember wonderboy Harry Kane? Afobe outscored him last season with 23 goals in 48 appearances. Yes, Wolverhampton is in a lower league, but it is still significant enough to justify the buy. Bournemouth, currently in 16th place, will be looking to make use of his scoring habit to steer them clear of the relegation zone.

Oumar Niasse – Lokomotiv Moscow to Everton £13.5m

Niasse is a good buy for Everton. A successful striker in his time in Russia, scoring 13 in 23 games, Niasse will bring in goals for the Toffees. Everton manager Roberto Martinez is quick to point out that Niasse was not signed to be Romelu Lukaku's back-up. He made it clear that Niasse will have a large role at the club.

The reassurance must feel good to Niasse, especially after admitting how he already liked his new manager when he started watching Everton playing back in October when he first heard they were interested in buying him.

Giannelli Imbula – Porto to Stoke City £18.3m

Imbula is not new to being a record signing. Before becoming Stoke's highest bill, seven months ago, he became Portugal's most expensive player at £15.1m. Perhaps one of the key elements for his signing was his performance against Stoke in a preseason friendly, according to Stoke midfielder Charlie Adam.

"...He showed against us that he has the right qualities to play in England," Adam said in an interview with BBC Sport. "A strong and powerful midfielder, a real driving force in there and perfect for the Premier League."

Let's hope for the sake of Stoke, Imbula's price tag was worth it.

Matt Miazga – New York Red Bulls to Chelsea Rumored \$7m

While probably not the most high-profile of signings, this is big news for American soccer fans. It's not often that we see our countrymen headed across the Atlantic. Chelsea does typically like to buy young and sell for profit once they've been loaned out, but Guus Hiddink, interim Chelsea manager, has stated that Miazga will not be loaned out for the remainder of the season at the very least.

Miazga is a defender, which is exactly what Chelsea needs. Their central defense is lacking, especially considering how old John Terry and Gary Cahill are. Even so, it will be incredibly difficult to make a good enough impression on the manager in order to get a starting spot, but at 6'4" and 180 pounds, he's bound to stand out during training.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday Feb. 3
Women's Basketball
vs. Alma College at 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball
vs. Olivet College at 8 p.m.

Friday Feb. 5
Ice Hockey
vs. Adrian College Black at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 6
Women's Tennis
vs. Denison University at 10 a.m.
Men's Tennis
vs. Denison University at 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball
vs. St. Mary's College at 3 p.m.
Men's Basketball
vs. Alma College at 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

DUTCHMEN OUTBALL KNIGHTS

Last week, the eighth-ranked Flying Dutchmen took a convincing win over perennial rival Calvin College in front of a packed DeVos Fieldhouse.

The Dutchmen took control in the second half, opening it up with a 10-point run to take the lead, which they never gave up.

This gave Hope their 99th win in the series, head coach Greg Mitchell's first, and snapped a four game losing streak for Hope. They lead the series 99-93.

Ben Gardner ('16) led the Dutchmen with 23 points, one short of his career high. Brock Benson ('16) led the helpers category with four assists while Harrison Blackledge ('16) and Keith Brushwyler ('17) tied on the boards with seven rebounds each.

The final score of 75-67 brought the series point total up to 26,062. 13,064 for Hope and 12,998 for Calvin.

Currently, after another win at Albion College, Hope sits one game behind undefeated Alma College in the MIAA standings and is enjoying a five-game win streak. At 7-1 in conference play, Hope sits well ahead of Trine University, Adrian College and Albion College who share a three way tie for third in the conference.

MIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Women's Basketball
Maura McAfee
Forward/ Center

DJOKES DOWN UNDER

World No. 1 Novak Djokovic took his sixth Australian Open victory this weekend over new father Andy Murray. The game was decided in straight sets His 11th major title to date. Serena Williams fell short in the championship game to major championship rookie Angelique Kerber.

The Super Bowl

By The Numbers

6 Historical Facts

1
Lowest Margin of victory in Super Bowl history:
Super Bowl XXV
New York Giants 20
Buffalo Bills 19

2
Most Consecutive Super Bowl wins:
Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers (2x), San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, Denver Broncos and New England Patriots

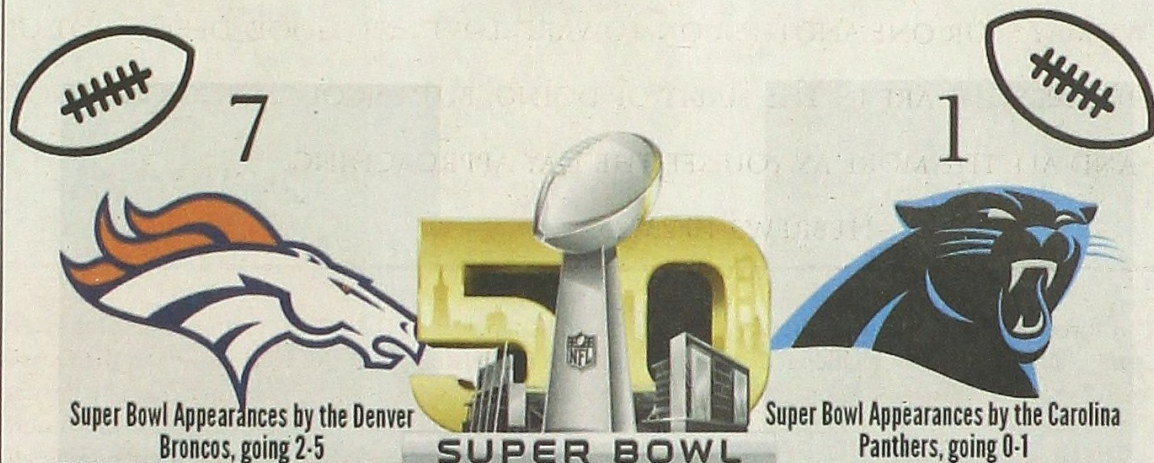
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Most Superbowl wins:
Pittsburgh Steelers

3
Most Superbowl MVPs:
Joe Montana and Tom Brady

5
Most Superbowl losses:
Denver Broncos

4
Teams have never been to the Superbowl:
The Houston Texans, Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns and Jacksonville Jaguars

THE MATCHUP



Super Bowl Appearances by the Denver Broncos, going 2-5

Super Bowl Appearances by the Carolina Panthers, going 0-1



Age difference between Peyton Manning (39) and Cam Newton (26). Manning is the oldest QB to play in a Superbowl

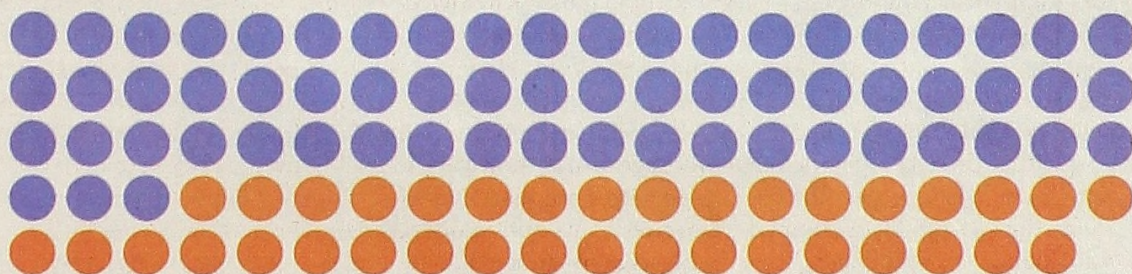
507
Regular Season points by the league-leading Panthers

4530
Total yards allowed by the Broncos Defense, leading the league



Draft that Cam Newton (1) and Von Miller (2) were taken. Now the first year picks 1 and 2 from the same draft play each other in the Super Bowl

Percent Chance to Win via Fox Sports



■ Panthers (64%) ■ Broncos (36%)

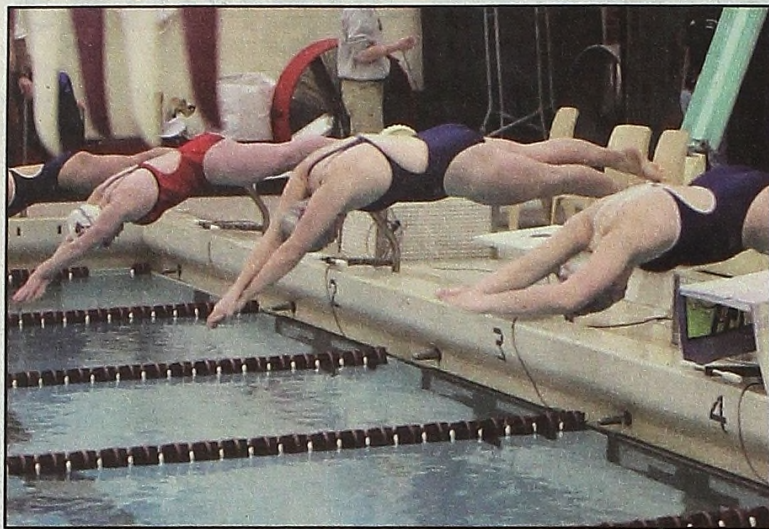
Swimming and diving flood competition

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On Saturday, Jan. 30, Hope College's women's swimming and diving team took off on their final match of the regular season against Alma College. They solidly defeated Alma in a 135-57 domination. Kaleigh Mullen ('16) led the way with a victory in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5 minutes, 36.72 seconds. Payton Hoff ('17) took a win in the 100 freestyle with a time of 58.90 seconds, while Molly Meyer ('17) claimed a victory in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:1.82. Both Flying Dutch relay teams also claimed victory in the team's destruction of their competition with times of 4:25.12 in the 400 medley relay and 3:57.92 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Elizabeth Fris ('18) took the win in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:4.93, while Abigail Brinks ('19) clocked in a great time in the 1,000 freestyle, taking a first place finish with a time of 11:30.13. Meanwhile, Elizabeth Craig ('19) placed first in the 100 backstroke while clocking in a time of 1:5.17.

This dual meet helped the Dutch to increase their record to 5-0 in dual meets and completed their perfect season in league meets. This undefeated season brings back memories of only a



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DIVING IN — Kaleigh Mullen ('16) (left) and Allison Lindquist ('19) (right) dive headfirst into their event against Alma College, looking to defeat their opponents and set a great time.

short time ago when the Dutch had a 4-0 season in 2013-2014. This qualifies the girl's team for league matches starting up soon, where they'll look to continue their dominating performance.

Looking forward to their next matchup against Calvin College, Sydney Asselin ('19) said, "We already beat Calvin after the hardest two weeks of the season. We just have to trust that we can do it again after a full taper."

On recapping the season, Asselin said, "Being undefeated feels awesome and really makes the season fun to look back on. It also helps you forget about the pain of practice throughout the season and see [that the hard

work is worth it]."

Jorgie Watson ('16) enjoyed the dominating performance of the Dutch, especially their defeat of Calvin on their senior night meet. But going forward, she does have a slight concern about the league meets coming up, saying, "We cannot get too confident as dual meet wins don't give us an advantage over the league. Right now our conference meet will be a war against K-zoo and Calvin." The girls may be a little concerned about being overconfident, but they can be confident enough knowing that they've already defeated the competition once before.

In conclusion of the season,



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PUSHING FORWARD— Ryan Johnson ('17) surges forward in his race, trying to push past his competition and edge out a win in his event.

Watson said, "We are proud of achieving our goal as being undefeated and now we have the goal to win leagues."

The men's swimming and diving team also took home a victory this weekend over Alma in a 106-33 victory. Their season may not have ended as stellar as the women's season, but they can still be proud of their wins, finishing 2-3. Ryan Johnson ('17) took home two victories: one in the 200-yard individual and one in the 500 freestyle. Christian Otteman claimed victory in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:51.76, while Duncan MacLean ('16) brought back a win in the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.72

seconds. The Flying Dutchmen also claimed victory in the 300 medley event, with the team of Joseph Watson ('18), Charlie Emmert ('18), John Hackley ('19) and Troy VanPortfliet ('16) taking a time of 4:6.87.

Brian Brown ('19) brought home a victory in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.31, while Jonathan Maat brought home the gold in the 100 backstroke with a time of 59.30.

They'll be back in action from Feb. 17 to 20 at the MIAA Championship hosted by Calvin where they will be looking to come away with wins. Head on out to cheer on the Dutch and Dutchmen.

Indoor track and field season validated

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Typically, the MIAA and, subsequently, Hope College track season does not officially begin until the start of the outdoor season once the snow finally melts away and runners can comfortably and safely train under the sun or rain clouds in mid-March.

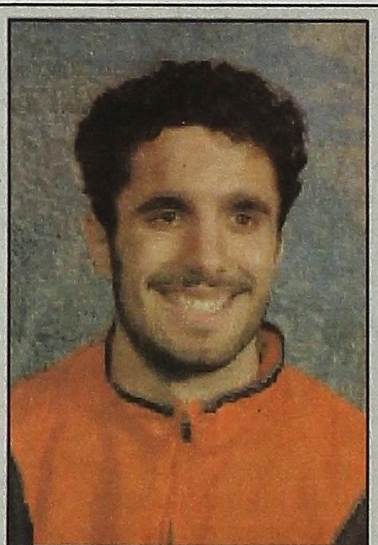
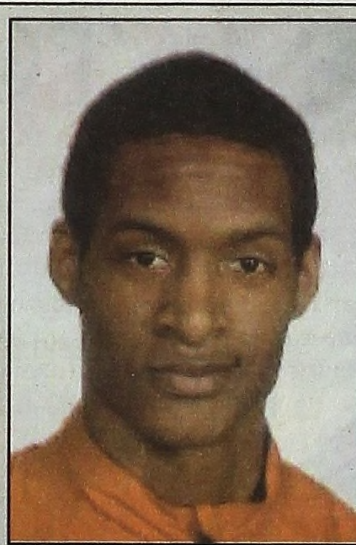
The unofficial indoor season was a time for runners to get back in shape and prepare themselves for the rigorous competition of the full-blown outdoor track season. For Hope runners, competing in at least one of the three indoor meets was heavily encouraged, but not compulsory, in order to run in the spring outdoor season. Full team practices did not begin until after Christmas break.

This year, however, the MIAA and Hope have made a drastic change: 2016 will see the first annual MIAA indoor track championship competition on Feb. 27.

This means that the Flying Dutch and Dutchmen runners had to lace up for real a little bit earlier. Workouts began two weeks before Christmas break, giving the athletes ample time to tune up their hamstrings before the first indoor meet on Jan. 22.

"It is a good challenge for all the teams to face before getting ready for the outdoor season. It raises the standard for the track season as a whole. It is very exciting," Alek Molenaar ('16) said of the change.

At this year's season opening Aquinas Quad, hosted by Aquinas College, the men's team took third place overall, while the



DOUBLE SEASON, NO PROBLEM— Both runners and jumpers have stole the stage in this year's first official MIAA championship indoor track season. Dion Golliday ('16) (center) took gold in the longjump while Nicholas Saloman ('17) (right) cleaned up on the track in the 800-meter run. Julla Stock ('16) (left) led the women's team in the 5,000-meter dash.

women finished fourth. On the track, Nicholas Saloman ('17) won the 800-meter race with a time of 1 minute 58.47 seconds, while Boone Marois ('16) represented the sprinters well by winning the high octane 60-meter dash in 7.07 seconds.

Inside the oval, the Dutchmen showed they weren't just proficient at executing high-speed left turns, they could jump and throw things as well. Dion Golliday ('16) came in second in the long jump with an impressive distance of 21 feet, 3/4 of an inch. Louis Kopp ('19) and Zach Williams ('18) finished 1-2 in the triple jump with distances of 43-1, and 41-8 3/4 respectively.

Highlighting the women's action for Hope at Aquinas were Rachel Satkiewicz ('18) and Ra-

chael Webb's ('18) runner-up finishes in the 400 and 600 meter runs respectively. They clocked times of 1:01.61 and 1:39.91.

This past weekend the track and field teams travelled to Allendale to compete in the Grand Valley State University Mike Lints Open. Golliday put up another impressive performance, taking fifth overall in the long jump at 20-10 and a half. The men finished 22nd as a team.

The women fared a little better, finishing 16th overall and grabbing three top ten finishes. Julia Stock ('16) finished seventh in the 5,000 meter-run with a time of 18:22.22, Jane Pearson ('16) grabbed 10th in the high jump with a leap of 5-1 and tacked on an 11th place finish in the shotput. Sarah Neumar ('19)

represented the underclassmen well, taking 10th in the 1-mile run at 5:16.07.

Both teams are working hard to prepare themselves for their first taste of MIAA competition at the rapidly approaching indoor championship. They return to action back at Grand Valley for the Grand Valley State Tune Up invitational on Feb. 19. Pending a stellar performance at the tune up and MIAA championships, the track and field athletes will have a chance to compete at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships in Grinnell, Iowa, March 11-12, before beginning the traditional outdoor season with a spring break trip down south to Emory University for training and two invitationals under the sun.

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